# Several Rookies, Given an Opportunity to Play Daily Through Retirement or Draft of Regulars, Are Making Good

## **YOUNG EXCELS 1918 CROP OF ROOKIES**

McGraw's Youthful Outfielder Best Looking Prospect Among New Players.

HANNAH SHOWS SKILL

Yankee Catcher Doing Splendid Work-Schmandt Also Making Good.

### By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

year of 1918 is hardly likely to particularly favorable season for a ball players. This is a year for ana particularly for married men men over the draft age. Many a gled baseball veteran holds a big rue job this season solely because of war. Other veterans, discarded to minor several seasons ago, have brought back, overhauled and worn into major league service.

Various conditions have worked against the creation of young stars dur-

batch of promising embryonic talent into his own service. The number of poung, unmarried ball players from now on will rapidly grow less and less. Then again the unhealthy conditions in the minor leagues in recent years hardly have tended to bring out a good crop of promising talent.

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When the Federal League war, followed by the world war, wore down the minor leagues to a skeleton of the prosperous chain of leagues which netted the country six years ago, baseball lost its attraction to a great many young men as a business. While major league malaries have been higher during the last ave years than ever before, minor league pay has been receding year by year, and the great majority of young fellows who decide to make basebail their business must start with the minors. Further-more, the minor league field has been

### Few Minors Survive.

here were close to fifty minor agues in existence when the Federal 1913-1914. Of these only a few of the

larger ones survive.

Despite the blow-up of so many minor leagues, several good young players are now appearing on the major league damonds. Several mighty dexterous boys have made their appearance since last year, and one of them, at least, seems estined for a career that will link his

the the big ace of the National League, which since the decline of Wagner, has had no real star to stand above his fel-

It was here that McGraw saw him and immediately predicted a wonderful career for the boy. Last year, at the sge of 19, he hit .356 in the International League, his figures being bettered only by the veteran slugger Lajole, who was one of the king pins of the National League several years before Young was born.

Louis Chevrolet, speedway champion of 1917, may be a starter in the Hafkings Handicap, which will inaugurate the automobile racing season at the Sheepshead Hay Speedway on Memorial Day, May 30. The race will be a 100 mile contest, for which \$30,000 in prizes and bonuses is offered.

Chevrolet was the biggest winner on

### Hannah Another Star.

Next to Young, the newcomer who has displayed most ability is Truck Hannah, the new Yankee catcher.

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Hannah is a Hannah is a Constant of the state of the While only in the 20s. Hannah is a minor league veteran. He caught over one hundred games for each of the last five seasons. An accident to Al Walters on the Yankee training trip gave the on the Yankee training trip gave the big backstop an early chance to show his prowess, and his work has been of the highest calibre. Hannah is not as glow as his nickname might indicate. He handles his pitchers nicely, has a splendid throwing arm and hits the He handles his pitchers hicely, has a splendid throwing arm and hits the ball as hard as any man in baseball to-day.

Herbert Thormahlen, the Yankee pitching recruit from Baltimore, has shown some flashes of greatness. When shown some flashes to greatness, when the state of the property will be desired by the property will be property will be property will be received as a true test.

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The steadles down he should become a real, valuable pitcher, perhaps the best of this season's twirling crop. His work in a game with the Boston Red Sax, when he did not permit a hit for eight innings, only to be defeated by a muff by Bodie in the ninth inning.

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He is a tall, rangy chap, with a fine pair of fielding hands.

### Phillies' Young Star.

Philadelphia fans are raving about Mike McGaffigan, who has succeeded Bert Nichoff at second base for the

stop recruit of the Cubs, seems to be living up to his press notices. So far the Portiand rookie has played a smashing ame for Mitchell's team. In fact several fine young shortstops have the field traversed. Each players have the field traversed. Each to fine Pirates, while Gerber, once tried sut by Pittsburg, is going strong with the St. Louis Browns. He makes a fine running mate to Joe Gedeon. Gerber always could field, but his hitting hardly stamps him a major leaguer.

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### SPRING SPROUTS MAKING GOOD IN NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUE



COLUMBIA'S TENNIS

Afternoon. bridge team at Dyckman Oval, near the Duray, the Frenchman who is the Dyckman street subway station, this after European champion and holds the ternoon. The Reserves will have the world's record of 147 miles an hour, following lineup: Denke, 1b.; Miller, 2b.; has cabled his acceptance of an invitation to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-tion to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait in the singles and doubles, most of the sets being taken with ease. This makes the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the singles and doubles, most of the star being taken with ease. This makes the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the singles and doubles, most of the star being taken with ease. This makes the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the singles and doubles, most of the star being taken with ease. This makes the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the singles and doubles, most of the star being taken with ease. This makes the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways. Schoenbaum, Hoch and Heffley, outfield-trait with the Blue and White's fifth straight viction to compete on American speedways.

NAVAL RESERVES TO PLAY.

Will Meet Kingsbridge Team This

# expected of him. The Brooklyn Dodgers seem to have picked up a pretty lively infielder in Ray Schmandt, who is playing a smart game for Brooklyn at second and doing some timely hitting. Schmandt came to Brooklyn as a first baseman, having played that bag for Lincoln last year, played that bag for Lincoln last year, and the second base. Several other events will be carded as McQuillen will pick it is bonhof beat Empire City last Sunday, to 1, and allowed only two hits. Toubaggere!" They Yelled, ubaggere!" They Yelled, as Ball Grenade Sped as Ball Grenade Sped and Grenade Sped

In a recent issue of Le Mauvale Par- | missed | But fast does he of the cushion 6-2. The summaries:

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achievement was in winning the Hark-

feated the greatest drivers in the coun-

try.

His other two prominent victories were at Cincinnati and Chicago. On

Bert Nichoff at second base for the Phillies. He was with the Quakers last spring, and was farmed out to Richmond during the summer. He appears to have come back a finished ball player. The Phillies also have picked up a fairly lively outfield prospect in Meusel, from the Vernon Club of the Coast from the Vernon Club of the Coast league, while Pitcher Bradley Hogs, while Pitcher Bradley Hogs, who was with Los Angeles in the same fine work for Pat Moran.

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Hollocher Doing Well.

"Now, my dear friends, that you a clear comprehension of this game have gained. I shall proceed as the sportman living up to his press notices. So far

because he closes "Inning No. 1" by saying, "the players reversed their po-sitions and a sign significant of zero was

# **TOO FAST FOR PENN**

Unbeaten Blue and White Wins Every Match.

The Columbia tennis team continued its run of victories by swamping the Penn team on the East Field courts at

A pitcher would like to connect with a fast semi-pro team averaging 17-19 years

Can also play the infield. Address J. Messina, 1897 Third avenue, New York city. The Naval Reserves, composed of some | Penn team on the East Field courts at Morningside Heights yesterday afterin the singles and doubles, most of the sets being taken with case. This makes the Blue and White's fifth straight vic-N. T. N. T.

The match yesterday was the first in which Willard Botsford, the university tennis champion, has been able to play, as he has been ill most of the season. That he was not up to form was shown

### With Amateur and Semi-pro Ball Tossers in 'Met' District

The New York Red Sox have a few dates open in May and June. Would like to hear from out of town teams. Address Peter D. Calabress, manager, \$22 Seventh avanue, New York, or phone Circle \$29.

Fast battery wishes position with light semi-pro team in Manhattan or South Brooklyn, Address Rudolph Boltlinger, 232 Ninth avenue, Manhattan.

The Naval Base baseball team of Bensenhurst, L. I., would like to book games for any week day or Saturdays or Sundays with semi-professional teams. All games to be played on opponents grounds. Sunday games to be played for the benefit of the Bel Cross. Address Joseph Granits, Naval Base No. 5, Bensonhurst, L. I.

The Andover Club, a fast heavy semi-pro travelling team, which won 22 out of 28 games piayed in 1917, are open for Nat-urday, Sunday and holiday dates. Would like to hear from teams played last sea-son. West Bides of Englewood, Englewood F. C., Egberts, O. L. G's. Tarrytown, &c. Address J. H. Toombs, manager, 1749 Am-sterdam avenue, New York city.

The Gothams, formerly the Gienmore Gianta, Harlsm's hard hitting semi-pro travelling nine, who hast year defeated such teams as Libertys of East New York. Bay Ridge Athletics, Laurence, L. I. Roosevelt, L. I. and a few other good teams, have their schedule open to home clubs in New York and vicinity. All Sunday dates open. Clubs desiring to book games, address Louis D. Lall, 313 East 121st street, city, or phone svenings, Beekman 4646.

The Nyack Club, one of the strongest travelling semi-pro teams in this section, is desirous of closing May 12 with a strong home team offering suitable inducements. The team has proven itself, having defeated St. Gabriel's and St. John's Athletics by overwhelming scores. Have all dates in June and July open Clubs and St. John's athletics by overwhelming scores. Have all dates in June and July open Clubs amily proclubs who will travel for a reasonable inducement. Kindly call in person at 741 Jersey across, Jersey City, or phone William J. Nagle, Chelsen 2158, New York city. No correspondence will be answered.

The Jersey City Red Sox, a fast travel-ling light semi-pro team of Jersey City, would like to hear from a hard hitring first and third baseman, also a pitcher, Address N. E. Simons, 95 Webster avenue, Jersey City.

always could field, but his hitting hardly stamps him a major leaguer.

The best looking youngster of the Cincinnati team appears to be Rube Bressler, the left handed pitcher, who at the nge of 18 had a sensational season with the Athletics in 1914. When Mack's great team was diamantled Bressler well for went to pieces, but he has been goln well for Matty this spring. Allen, would-be Apached Sacrel He has been goln well for Matty this spring. Allen, would-be Apached Sacrel He has been to pieces but he batteries), a player takes a posture facing him and waves the his bottle told Max that the gentleman to piece to did Max that the gentleman to pieces but he batteries), a player takes a posture facing him and waves the his bottle told Max that the gentleman to be the gentleman to be the cushion pouncing the batteries), a player takes a posture facing him and waves the his bottle told Max that the gentleman to be the gentleman to be the subscience of the last sevence his readers that the playing on home grounds for the last sevence his Heath Butteries). The Alaskas of Sisten Island after playing on home grounds for the last sevence his Heath Butteries). The batteries him bottle told Max that the gentleman to be the subscience of the him bottle told Max that the gentleman to be the sevence his Heath Butteries). The batteries him bottle told Max that the gentleman to be the sevence his Heath Butteries). The Alaskas of Sisten Island after playing on home grounds for the last season that the playing on home grounds for the last season that the service him has been batteries. The batteries him bottle told Max that the gentleman to be a sevence his Heath Butteries). The Alaskas of Sisten Island after playing on home grounds for the last season that the playing on home grounds for the last season that the playing on home grounds for the last season that the playing on home grounds for the last season that the playing on home grounds for the last season that the playing out hit by bated hall.

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### Notice to Amateur and Semi-pro Ball Clubs

HE SUN each Sunday will publish challenges of amateur and for players and other items of interest to the bail players. Send your notices to the Sunday Baseball De-partment of THE SUN and write on one side of the paper only.

Each Monday morning THE SUN will carry the results of Sunday ama-

teur and semi-pro games. Bring your scores to the Sporting Department early. No scores will be taken over Get busy to-day.

A heavy hitting first baseman would like to connect with a strong semi-proteam. Have played with and against some of the heat semi-pro teams around New York and Connecticut. Address Jos. Schontz, 807 East Eighty-third street, New York city.

The 'Unknown Baseball Club." averag-ing 125 pounds, have several dates open, Managers wishing to book games should address Edward Sullivan, 203 East Eighty-einth street, or Arthur McGovern, 24 Walker street, care of C. W. D.

The Ogden Baseball team, Hoboken's best travelling semi-pro team, has a few open dates in June and July. Would like to book games with teams in the Metropolitan district offering suitable inducements. Daniel Moran, 441 West Fiftisth etreet.

Pine street, city.

The Brooklyn Senecas, who have played such teams as American Nationals, Empire City, Eimhurst Grays, Sunsets and teams of like class are organizing for the season, and are completing their schedule. Teams wishing to book games can do so by addressing George J. Kach, P. O. Box divented the season, and are completing their schedule. Teams wishing to book games can do so by addressing George J. Kach, P. O. Box divented the season, and are completing their schedule. The season of the season of the completing their schedule. Teams wishing to book games can do so by addressing George J. Kach, P. O. Box divented the season of the season of

The Pioneer baseball team challenges all 12 to 14 year (actual age) teams. Games to be played on home grounds, but will give return games. For games address Joseph Walsh, 742'4; Eleventh avenue, Astoria, L. L. or phone Astoria 1441 any evening at 7 o'clock.

The Modern Woodmen of America's Baseball Club of Yonkers have organized for their third season a fast semi-pro travelling team, playing Sunday games. Would like to hear from managers offering suitable guarantees. The club has met and defeated some of the best teams throughout Westchester. Address L. W. Butterfield, 32 Ash street, Yonkers, N. Y.

Plan to Hold One Service Day in Each Series at Shibe Park Commended.

Since dismantling the famous Athtics in 1915 Connie Mack, manager of the White Elephants, has been accused of many things, some of them deserved by elucidated. and others undeserved, but he almost squared accounts last week when he announced that arrangements had been

nourced that arrangements had been made at Shibe Park by which all men in Uncle Sam's uniform would be admitted free to at least one game in each series played there this season.

Such a move is actuated by genuine patriotism, and shows that Mack's heart is in the right place. Any one willing to go out of his way to help the boys in uniform is a true patriot. These boys, who will bear the brunt of the war, are deserving of any courtesy that may be extended to them. Their pay is a pittance, and from it they are buying Liberty bonds, paying for war insurance, and in many cases sending half their allowance back home.

When Mack reconstructs his team again after peace is declared the men in uniform will hardly forget the man who befriended them when they were in service. Others may adopt Connie's plan, but he is the ploneer. Any credit for the idea belongs solely to Uncle Connie.

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but how an American soldier spending an off day at a ball park as a guest of the club interferes with the esprit de corps any more than if he pays 85 cents a head is a little hard to fathom, especially when the pay of that soldier is \$30 a month.

### A Different Proposition.

It is unlikely that camp commanders would object to soldiers or sailors paying only the war tax. What most likely was objected to was men in uniform hanging outside of the pass gate accosting strangers with requests for extra passes. Especially was this objectionable when soldiers view with semali boys for the extra ducats. It was without question a humiliating sight to any officer to see the uniform lowered in such a manner, but it was just as humiliating to any spirited American civilian.

pall park is entirely different, however, from walking with heads erect through special service gate as the guests of where the National League held :

Attention was called to the fact that reason the disbarments never during weekdays ball clubs have from lifted. 15,000 to 30,000 empty seats, which would look much better if decorated with navy blue or khaki, and that the en-

### Looks Like a Runaway Race.

Though all New York fans desire the Giants to repeat this year, a real base-ball lover transcends above his team loyalty and is closely watching the rest of the National League pack in the hope that some team may develop which will be able to give the Giants a tussie. A that some team may develop which that some team may develop which that some team may develop which the solution of a baseball catastrophe. Without the Giants there would be a fine little fight on in the National League, but New York stands head and shoulders above the rest of the league. In fact, the Giants even are stronger.

In fact, the Giants even are stronger to be circulated and came to the care to care t Doyle and Tesreau. Both of these players appeared to be slipping fast last season, but now are playing as well as

when they were in their prime.

When one considers that McGraw had the good fortune to be able to fill Robertson's shoes with the sensational Young and that he has added another The Macombs Professionals, a strong semi-pro team, has organized for the season. Would like to book games with all fast teams destring a fast attraction. The Macombs have booked games with Pelham Bay Naval Training Camp and teams of like strength. The club will have several new college players in its lineup. Address tieorge W. Halpin, 800 Riverside Drive, Manhattan.

ertson's shoes with the sensational The mansady of the club wis Juranian Camp and that he has added another high class right handed pitcher, Rarnes, to his staff, the plight of the National League becomes even more obvious. The National League race may be compared to seven clubs on handcars attempting to pursue the Twentieth Century Express.

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> Shean Leading Globe Trotter. Just now Shean is about the greatest globe trotter in the big leagues and has been on more clubs than any player now in the big leagues. He started in with the Athletics in 1908, around the time that Eddle Collins and Barry joined

open Mack's club. He didn't please Mack lighty- and went back to the minors.
Then the Phillies picked him up, only

Shortly after this Giant deal fell and at the annual meeting of the hrough Shean was traded to the Chicago Cubs and from there he went to the clubs, both Boston clubs, the Chicago Nationals and Cincinnati and an almost member of the Giants.

### PHILLY GIANTS IN DEBUT.

### Will Play the Bushwicks at Dexter Park This Afternoon.

The Philly Giants will make their local debut this afternoon at Dexter
Park, near the Cypress Hills "La"
where they will play the Bushwicks in the feature game of a double header.
The team played its first game in Phila-

# CONNIE MACK SETS HULBERT FATHER OF A FINE EXAMPLE GAME OF BASEBALL

Third President of National League Assured Honesty

of the Sport.

# OTHER CLUBS SHOULD COPY EXPELLED 4 TRICKSTERS

By CHARLES F. MATHISON. Due to exhaustive investigation, many

important problems relating to the national game of baseball have been clear-For example, a commission of ex-

perts decided after much studious effort that baseball was not an outgrowth of

plan, but he is the ploneer. Any credit for the idea belongs solely to Uncle Connia.

Shortstop was an earnest advocate least winter of big league clubs opening their gates to men in uniform throughout the season with the possible exception of Saturday, Sunday and holiday games. The plan interested President Tener of the National League, who actually brought it before the annual meeting of his league last winter, where it was tabled.

Several National League officials said that leading officers objected to soldiers and saliors deadheading their way into ball parks, saying it was bad for the esprit de corps. This hardly seems to be an American attitude. It smacks more of Prussian militarism. Discipline is as strict in the American Army as in any other, and every red blooded American desires to see the spirit of true. America manifested in its armed forces, but how an American soldier spending an off day at a ball park as a guest of the club interferes with the esprit de corps.

### Blacklisted the Big Four.

It was Rulbert who blacklisted the honest practices, which drastic action had the effect of striking terror to the large number of players with loose ideas

Soldiers "grubbing" their way into a line of their pleadings for leniency, all park is entirely different, however. Year after year the blacklisted playmor walking with heads erect through nual meetings, and begged for reins true that the plan does not apment and invariably they were refupeal to all magnates. One cold hearted patriot to whom the plan was broached replied: "Do theatres or movies have any service days? You bet they don't. out justly arousing public district. Then why should ball clubs?"

The incidents leading to the black a dark but instructive chapter in the thusiasm which these boys would bring to games would more than recompense the club for letting in these lads free of member of the National League in the charge. camblers and other evils became so parent that the respectable patricks the game began to drift away from

### Investigation Is Started.

President Hulbert realized that t

Hulbert. He immediately started a vestigation, and the actions of the on their final trip East strengthened the belief that all was not well. The Louvilles had won 26 and lost 18 at 1 time, and the team started a slump that was inexplicable. The mainstay of the club was James A. Devlin, a giant pitcher, with great speed. He also was a heavy hitter a a very useful man. The other member of the Big Four were W. If Cras.

Although the Louisvilles had no

nearly all their games with consummate ease and apparently outchased all the other teams in the league, they said dealy began to lose and dropped seven in a row before they checked the selves with an eleven inning the

### Expel Four Players.

They also lost the pennant by Then the Phillies picked him up, only to trade him to Boston. In the spring of 1911 MoGraw made a trade with Boston by which he intended to send Tilly Shafer to the Braves for Davey. The Boston board of directors heard of the deal and called it off. Shafer was in Japan teaching baseball to the Japs at the time that McGraw made the deal and when he heard of it he retired and when he heard of it he retired and refused to rejoin the Glants until 1912.

Shortly after this Glant deal fell and at the annual meeting of the leagues and at the annual meeting of the league cago Cubs and from there he went to the minors. Later he was picked up by Cincinnati, and now is with the Red Sox. He was been with both Philadelphia growth of the game in public esteem clubs, both Boston clubs, the Chicago was its justification.

Shortly before Devlin died he made a final appeal personally to Hulbert for reinstatement, pleading that his family was in want. Hulbert handed a \$100 bill to the player and said:
"Here is something for your family Jim, but you will never get back baseball while I have anything to sa-That is the reason that William A

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